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TUITION FEES NO INCREASE BERUBE SAID

MONTREAL(CUP)--Quebec university students won't see an increase in tuition fees next year, no matter who's in power in Quebec City.

The Parti Quebecois minister of higher education, science and technology, Yves Berube, announced last week university tuition fees will remain at about \$570 a year, the rate they have been since 1969. Quebec has the cheapest tuition in Canada.

And Quebec Liberal party delegates decided in their annual congress March 2 that maintaining the tuition freeze will be part of their electoral platform.

The youth wing of the

Liberal party showed its strength at the congress, also persuading the party to support welfare parity for Quebec residents under 30 and achieve this in the first two years of its mandate. Currently those under 30 receive \$156 a month, while those over 30 get \$430.

A provincial election in Quebec is expected this spring or next fall. Quebec Premier Rene Levesque hinted recently it will most likely be in the spring.

Berube's announcement on the freeze may have been a response to the new Liberal stance, as a way of holding ground in the P.Q.'s battle for

public support.

Pierre Antcil, former Liberal youth president, who fought for the new policies, said: "I know that the freeze of tuition fees is an important issue for students and social aid parity is important for young people. I hope they put their X in the right box though it wasn't done for that reason."

The Liberal congress also committed a Liberal government to open special employment centres for youth, co-ordinated with federal centres, and to create a "consultative council for youth".

In his statement on

tuition fees, Berube said "a rigorous examination of the whole problem (of higher education financing) is needed and because of this reflection has scarcely begun, I am not in a position to recommend, for the next academic year, changes in tuition fees."

Two weeks ago, students demonstrated at the National Assembly in Quebec City against the possibility that fees would be raised in September.

In their declaration on tuition fees, the Liberals said "education must be accessible to all and all obstacles still in this path must be progressively removed."

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may increase
at Mac see p.2**

AFA IT'S FOR YOU!

It's been a little while since you've heard about A.F.A. Well, it's active and it's going to be more so when all of you participate in it. For now A.F.A. is concentrating all of its energy on the elaboration and the structure that will administer A.F.A.

What brought us to start A.F.A? Some of the students felt a need for an association which will help enhance their academic knowledge with the elements that would build up their professional experiences. In order to gauge the interest of the student body in this association, we conducted a survey.

As an introduction on the survey, we proposed the general objective of A.F.A.; with this were some questions

dealing with students' knowledge of current events in agriculture, and agricultural organizations.

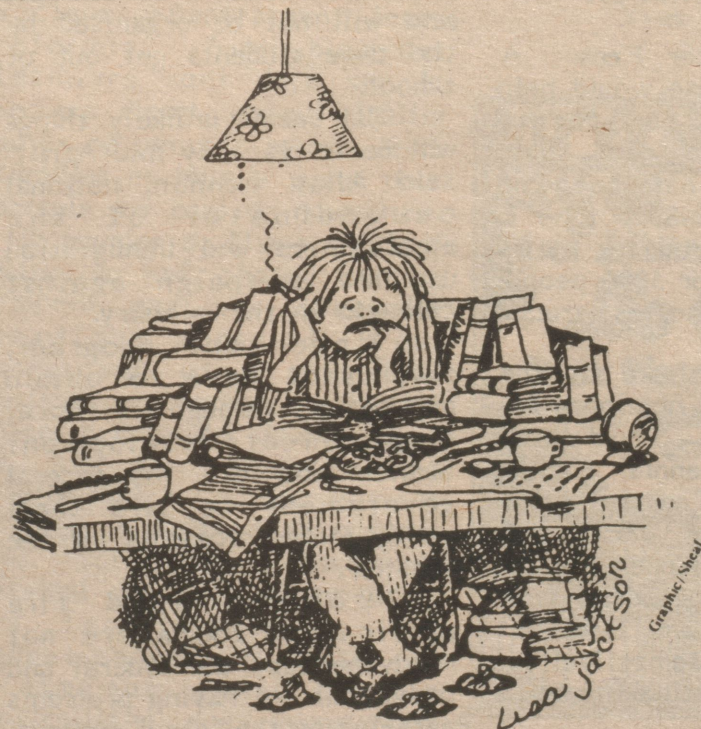
Many students commented on their need to increase their knowledge about happenings on agriculture outside the school.

To bring you a few number, 23% of the students participated in this survey. This is very good considering that it takes 10% of response for a survey to be representative.

86,9% of the students are questioning themselves about recent agricultural issues and would like to have more information on these issues.

93,7% felt the need for an organization which has as its goals: more accessibility to information in areas of agriculture and food (recent

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**Do I have enough references
to do my term paper?**

\$TUDENTS\$ \$OCIETY MEETING

An open students' society meeting was held March 7th in the CC lounge.

Students' Society announced that the government has decided to freeze student fees for the 1985-86 academic year. Student fees may increase here at Macdonald for the following reasons:

1. Yearbook: A \$4/person increase would mean that each student automatically gets a yearbook and the cost will be greatly reduced overall. This was suggested because in the past years all the books ordered were not sold (150 books remain from last year) and a great deal of money was lost. The yearbook committee could then concentrate on producing a high quality book rather than selling it.

2. McGill Daily: A \$4/person increase was discussed to get the Daily delivered to Macdonald College. It would be one or two days late. Already, much student's society money is invested in the Harvest.

It was suggested that a deal can be struck to just exchange newspapers, so that downtown McGill can get the Harvest. We know "out downtown McGill, but do they know about us???" (Editor's note: we already deliver about 200 issues there).

3. Centennial Center Fees: A \$10/person increase would help build capital for future renovations (the roof, bar, etc.). There has been no increase since 1968.

The building was originally built for 5000 people and presently serves around 1000.

Also announced at the meeting were the nominees for the 1985-86 Students' Council and Centennial Center Committee. The following individuals were acclaimed: Internal V.P. - Anne Delmas, External V.P. - Rebecca Lee, Senate Rep. - Remi Gauthier, Diploma Rep. - James Duffy.

We are still looking for a PGSS Rep.

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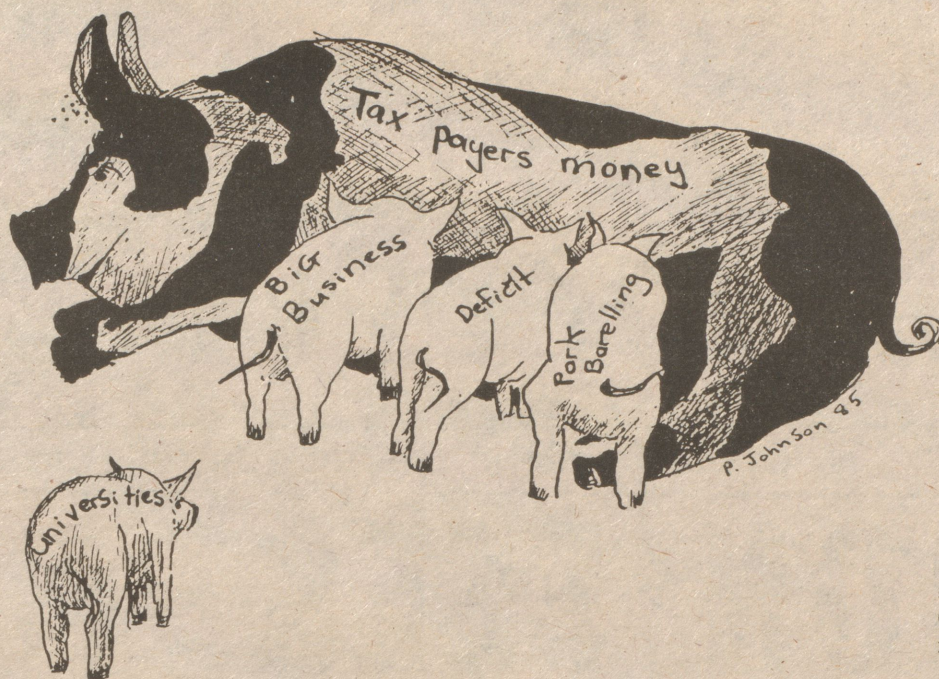
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SUMMER UNEMPLOYMENT

Ottawa(CUP)-- There are still no application forms available anywhere in the country for Challenge '85 student summer job creation program, announced by the Conservative government more than a month ago.

The government wants to give out \$205 million, mainly to employers as a subsidy or grant to hire students for summer jobs, but has been slow in organizing the program partly because of an attempt to "harmonize" job-creation with the provinces.

Federal bureaucrats in Ottawa said because the program is new, it has taken much more time to set up, and will not be organised by the time students get out of school.

"It seems unlikely things will be in place by mid-April," said Allan Lennon, national co-ordinator of the employment and immigration union's campaign against cutbacks in the ministry.

Under the program, employers have to obtain applications through their local employment development branch and ask the federal government to give them money to hire students for the summer.

Lennon said the application forms are not ready because the federal and provincial are having problems agreeing on the forms' content.

To make up for the delay, Flora MacDonald, employment and immigration minister, announced new deadlines for applications: March 29 in B.C., Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and Ontario and March 22 in all other provinces.

NDP MP Howard McCurdy said the new

deadlines mean the distribution of money will be hopelessly delayed.

"The minister has sounded the death-knell by moving the application deadline back to the end of March, just three weeks before thousands of students become actively unemployed," McCurdy told the House of Commons March 6.

Brian MacDonald, a project officer in the employment ministry, admitted in an interview that "human beings being what they are, they will wait until the last possible date to send in their applications."

"Ninety or 95 per cent of the applications will come in the last few days," MacDonald said.

Lennon said the employment ministry claims it can turn around an application -- assess it and grant or refuse money--in 48 hours.

"But two years ago (the ministry) also said 48 hours and it took eight weeks to four months," Lennon said.

MacDonald said the process will be quicker this year because applications will be handled by regional offices unless they involve four or more people.

Still, Lennon said, "You've got to assess it. Is this a worthwhile endeavor?"

"Challenge '85 has been a bureaucratic botch by the government from the beginning," Lennon said.

"When the government does approve the funding for corporations' requests to hire students, students can apply for the jobs through Canada Employment Centres for Students. But employment officials have said it will be mid-July before all the applications are processed.

PAPER RECOVERY

Good work to all of you who are participating in the paper recycling program. It is off to a good start and will hopefully continue this way. Remember, a program such as this requires the support of everybody. Tell your friends - spread the word. If we can collect enough paper volume, we may be able to generate income. So keep up the good work, and look forward to a bright future.

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L'AGRICULTURE AMERICAINE EN CRISE!

L'édition du 18 février du magazine Newsweek consacrait 8 pages à la crise que traverse actuellement l'agriculture aux Etats-Unis. Sous le titre, "Bitter harvest", l'article décrit la chute des prix et des revenus ainsi que la montée de l'endettement au cours des années 70 à 82. Ces mouvements de l'économie acculent maintenant à la faillite près de 30% des fermes américaines selon Neil Hail, économiste agricole de l'Université d'Iowa. Selon lui, 12% des agriculteurs américains feront faillite d'ici la fin de l'année.

Le gouvernement américain refuse d'intervenir

On cite par exemple, une loi passée en 1970 qui visait à compenser la perte d'abeilles due aux arrosages de pesticides. Depuis ce temps, il semble que les abeilles décédant de morts naturelles se font rares. Les programmes d'électrification rurale sont devenus des sources de subventions pour financer les réseaux d'électricité des banlieus.

Mais plus encore, la réforme actuelle selon Don Paarlberg, économiste à l'Université Purdue, verra à ce que l'aide fédérale ne se concentre plus dans les mains de quelques gros exploitants qui selon ses dires, recevaient

récolte de cette année. Sans récoltes pas de revenus, sans revenus, plus de fermes.

La réforme est loin de plaire aux fermiers américains comme vous l'avez certainement deviné. D'autres intervenants s'inquiètent aussi de la situation. Marty Strange du Affairs Center y voit une façon d'éliminer bon nombre de coopératives agricoles et de petites banques qui une fois liquidées cèderont la place à de puissantes corporations. Selon D. Steadman de la Chase Econometrics, une filiale de la Chase Manhattan, la transition est trop abrupte. De concert avec le Sénateur Abner du Sud Dakota, il favorise plutôt l'élimination des déductions fiscales accordées aux gens qui s'engagent en agriculture pour faire des pertes et profiter ainsi d'abris fiscaux.

Ainsi il s'instaure une nouvelle mentalité face à l'agriculture aux Etats-Unis. Elle ne sera plus considérée comme une activité pastorale voire patriotique. Elle sera une entreprise comme tant d'autres.

Il est dommage qu'un mode de vie soit sacrifié à l'économie. Les visionnaires de l'USDA ne font pas de cas de l'avenir de villages, du dépeuplement des campagnes, des problèmes familiaux et sociaux qu'entraînent leurs réformes. Ainsi bien des fermiers sont déjà sur le secours direct, ce qui signifie qu'ils ne peuvent nourrir leurs familles et font la queue pour obtenir des bons de nourriture.

Un fermier de l'Iowa, Arthur Kirk, a été abattu sur sa ferme par une escouade tactique lorsqu'il s'est barricadé et a refusé de quitter sa ferme. Le journal Acres a émis des doutes quand à la pertinence de l'intervention. Selon eux, le fermier n'était pas barricadé, les sacs placés à l'extérieur étaient des sacs de semences, et fertilisants.... Ils questionnent le motif de l'attaque ainsi que le mitraillage des animaux de ferme...

Le sociologue W. Hefferman de l'université du Missouri a fait le compte d'événements moins spectaculaires tels le nombre de chiens battus, d'enfants maltraités, d'appels aux centres d'aide. Le genre de statistiques du désespoir à vous

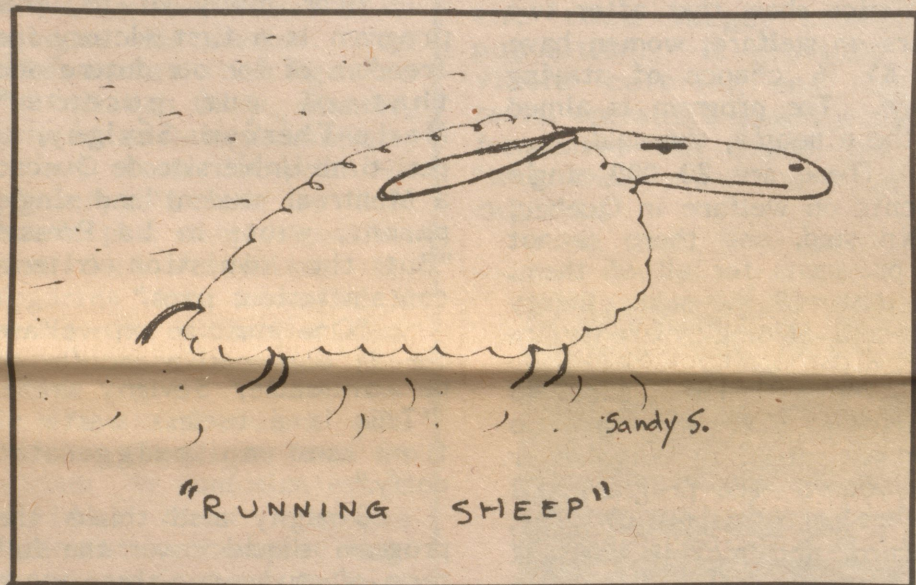
faire renoncer aux jours meilleurs.

Ce qui est déplorable selon moi, c'est que les fermiers se sont certainement endettés à ce point sous les bons conseils des mêmes fonctionnaires qui hier leur promettaient mer et monde. Ces conseils prodigés à partir de données économiques ont fait fi de la prudence séculaire du milieu rural. A son tour, le milieu rural s'est laissé bercer d'illusions, se voyant offert du coup des prêts à bon compte, et des techniques de production industrielle.

Sans décrier ces moyens, il reste que l'économie et la technique ne peuvent à eux seuls maintenir la fertilité des terres et l'équilibre du pays. Il faut pour cela du jugement et de la clairvoyance. C'est précisément ce dont on s'est passé à l'époque de la ruée vers l'ère de l'industrie agro-alimentaire.

Souhaitons que les pressions exercées de la part des petits fermiers américains sur le Congrès influencent la réforme actuelle et l'adoucissent. Cette réforme pourrait bien avoir des implications chez nous et plus de temps nous aurons pour les voir venir, mieux équipés nous serons pour y répondre.

Yves Lépine



pour le moment car selon le directeur du budget, M. David Stockman, il ne voit pas pourquoi les payeurs de taxes auraient la responsabilité de refinancer les mauvais emprunts contractés par des gens matures et consentants qui ont acheté des fermes quand les prix étaient à la hausse dans l'espoir de devenir riches.

Cette attitude va éliminer bon nombre d'exploitants qui seront remplacés par des entreprises plus efficaces si tout se passe comme l'administration le désire. Selon les statistiques sur 2.4 millions d'agriculteurs seulement 700 000 opèrent leurs fermes à plein temps. De ce nombre 8% produisent les 2/3 des aliments et des fibres récoltés aux Etats-Unis.

Selon le secrétaire d'Etat à l'Agriculture, M. John Block, la réforme actuelle accélère les faillites et est susceptible d'accroître le prix des aliments pour un temps mais la production se maintiendra. De plus des programmes coûteux et inefficaces seront abolis.

d'autant plus d'argent qu'ils étaient gros et riches. Ainsi Block compte limiter les subventions aux exploitants ayant des profits de moins de \$200 000.

Le programme de diversion destiné à limiter la production en payant les fermiers pour ne pas cultiver leurs terres sera aussi abandonné. On s'est rendu compte que les fermiers évitaient de cultiver les parcelles les moins fertiles et produisaient presque autant. Ce programme coûtait à lui seul 10 milliards de dollars annuellement.

De leurs cotés, les fermiers soutiennent qu'ils doivent produire en plus grandes quantités sinon ils ne peuvent rencontrer leurs échéances. Ceci entraîne à son tour une chute des prix due à la surproduction. Cette situation selon David Harrington, économiste de l'USDA, rend insolvable plus de 123 000 fermes familiales qui n'arrivent pas à obtenir de prêts pour acheter l'équipement et les produits nécessaires à la

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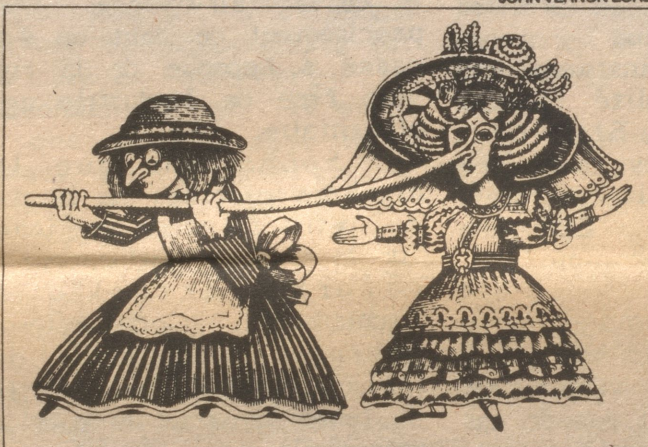
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PQ GOVERNMENT HELPS SINGLE MOTHERS



Graphic Arthur

JOHN VERNON LORD



MONTREAL(CUP)-- The Quebec government will spend \$5 million this year to pay tuition fees and expenses for single mothers who want to attend CEGEP or university, but some say the admission criteria are too strict.

Marie-Jeanne Robin, the press attache for Quebec's minister of social affairs, said the program was designed to "give a hand to women who can't (go back to school) on their own."

Robin said the ministry's statistics show that after two years on welfare, women have an 85 % chance of staying there. The program is aimed at these people, she said.

There are 80 000 single parents on welfare in Quebec, Robin said, and there cannot be programs for all of them. "It's a start," she said. Eighty per cent of single parents are women.

The government hopes to sponsor 5 000 women who want to return to school over two years. The program will pay their tuition, books, daycare, and moving costs if the women want to study in another Quebec city.

In the past, Quebec's loans and bursaries policy discriminated against single parents because they would lose their welfare payments if they applied for loans and bursaries. Welfare for single mothers is now \$600 a month with one child, \$634 with two.

But the program is open to only to women who have been on welfare for more than two years and want to go to school full-time. The government support lasts for three semesters.

"For many of us, this program is a first victory for freedom of for our future and that of our parents," Marie-Thérèse Sévigny, a part-time Université de Québec a Montreal student and single parent, wrote in La Presse. "But the admission criteria contain serious gaps."

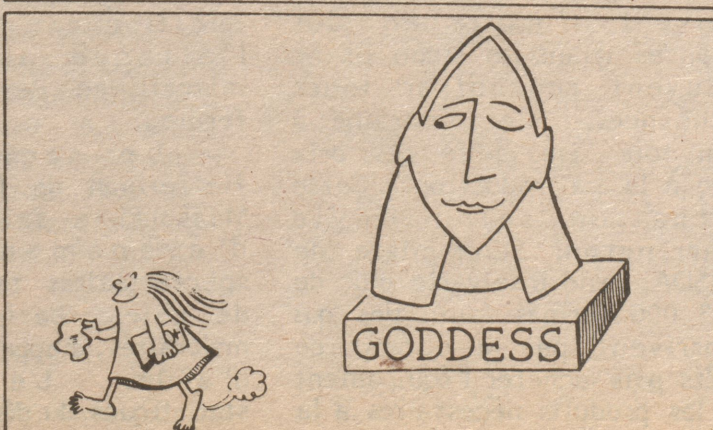
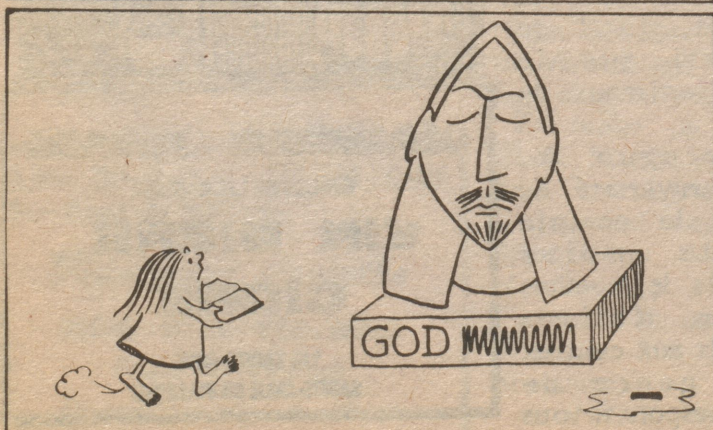
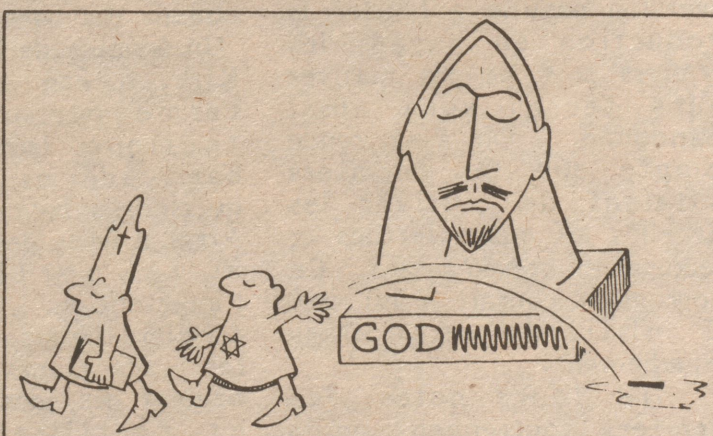
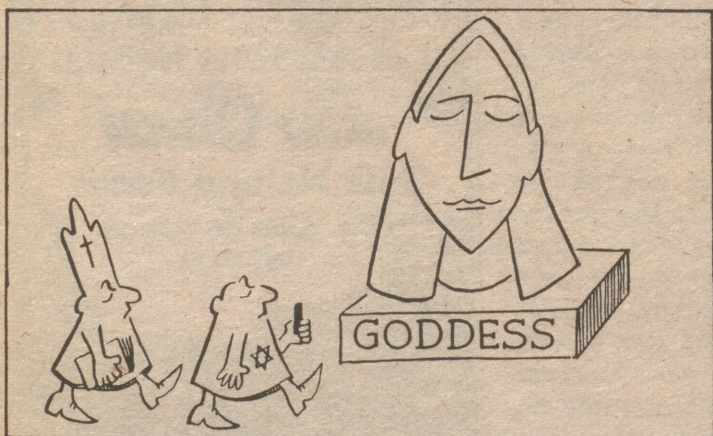
"One must be on welfare for 24 consecutive months to be admissible," Sévigny wrote.

"This is a useless waste of time and an exaggerated delay."

Sévigny also thinks the program should cover the full term of study, two-three years in CEGEP and three-four years in university, instead of just three semesters. "How can the beneficiary of the program continue her studies, after having taken the taste?" Sévigny asked.

"We hope that after (three semesters) the women will have acquired independence," Robin said.

MARCH 8 WOMAN'S DAY



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LIGUE D'IMPRO

C'est difficile d'imaginer que quelque chose qui a été organisé aussi vite puisse fonctionner aussi bien, mais c'est la réalité! Les 3 premiers matches ont été joués et les 3 pointages furent serrés: les rouges contre les verts, les bleus contre les jaunes, et les jaunes contre les verts. Je ne donne pas les pointages par exprès, car la ligue d'impro n'est pas une ligue de compétition, c'est une ligue d'entraide entre les équipes. Disons que les 4 équipes ont l'air assez bien équilibrées.

Après ces 3 matches, il serait peut-être bon de souligner que les improvisations ne font pas seulement appel aux qualités de farceurs et de blagueurs des acteurs. Les différentes catégories d'improvisation (libre, chantée, accélérée, ralentie, dramatique, etc..) sont là pour le rappeler; l'acteur se doit d'être le plus complet possible et se doit d'améliorer les catégories dans lesquelles il éprouve des difficultés pour offrir le meilleur spectacle possible.

Un autre point qu'il serait bon d'expliquer sont les punitions: la confusion est le résultat d'un manque d'organisation complet dans l'impro, qui rend celle-ci difficile à comprendre pour le spectateur (et pour l'arbitre); la confusion de lieu résulte de la mauvaise utilisation des lieux par les acteurs (marcher au travers d'une table, par exemple). La punition de procédure illégale est souvent causée par des acteurs discutant sur le banc; le coach peut parler aux acteurs, mais les acteurs ne peuvent en faire autant. L'obstruction est causée par des acteurs d'une équipe qui empêchent les membres de l'autre équipe d'exprimer leurs idées. La punition de non respect du thème est attribuée à une équipe qui ne réussit pas à faire le lien entre son improvisation et le titre lu par l'arbitre, par manque de temps ou par manque d'organisation. Finalement, la punition de décrochage est attribuée à l'acteur qui se met à rire dans des situations où il n'a aucune raison de le faire. Il y a d'autres punitions que je n'expliquerai pas, mais les punitions mentionnées plus haut sont probablement les plus communes pour des acteurs qui débutent en impro.

Francois Blain

OLD MAC DONALD HAS A WHITE ELEPHANT

If some of you were upset to read that the students' society "has a child" then you may all be upset to hear we have a white elephant... or if you're not upset, let alone slightly irked, then you're apathetic!

The Olympic Stadium is to Montreal what the Centennial Centre is to our student society; a white elephant. However, it is unfair to say such a thing without a wee bit of background; after all, our elephant has been slowly bleached with time, unlike the Big O (not you, Mr. Registrar).

It all started in 1967 when the CC was given in trust to the students' use. In its prime, it was well used by the then larger student population. It provided a viable catering and room rental operation, housed a well frequented "Bar Disco" and a "less than more" profitable cafeteria.

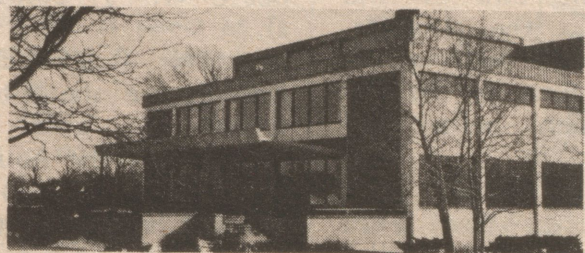
But then, after about 13 years, Rosemary Had Her

Baby... (for those of you who didn't see the movie; no, students' council has not sponsored another child!)... actually, we had triplets: Patterson, Belanger and the Ceilidh. The first two tykes go without saying, but the Ceilidh?!

Fire regulations prevented the then "Bar Disco" (now the

while Ceilidh space is unused during the Day. This enormous waste of space is a loss of potential income. For example the Diploma program rents office space from us and provides a sizeable income.

What is done is done. All we can hope to do now is rejuvenate our "Dear Dumbo". This year's council has

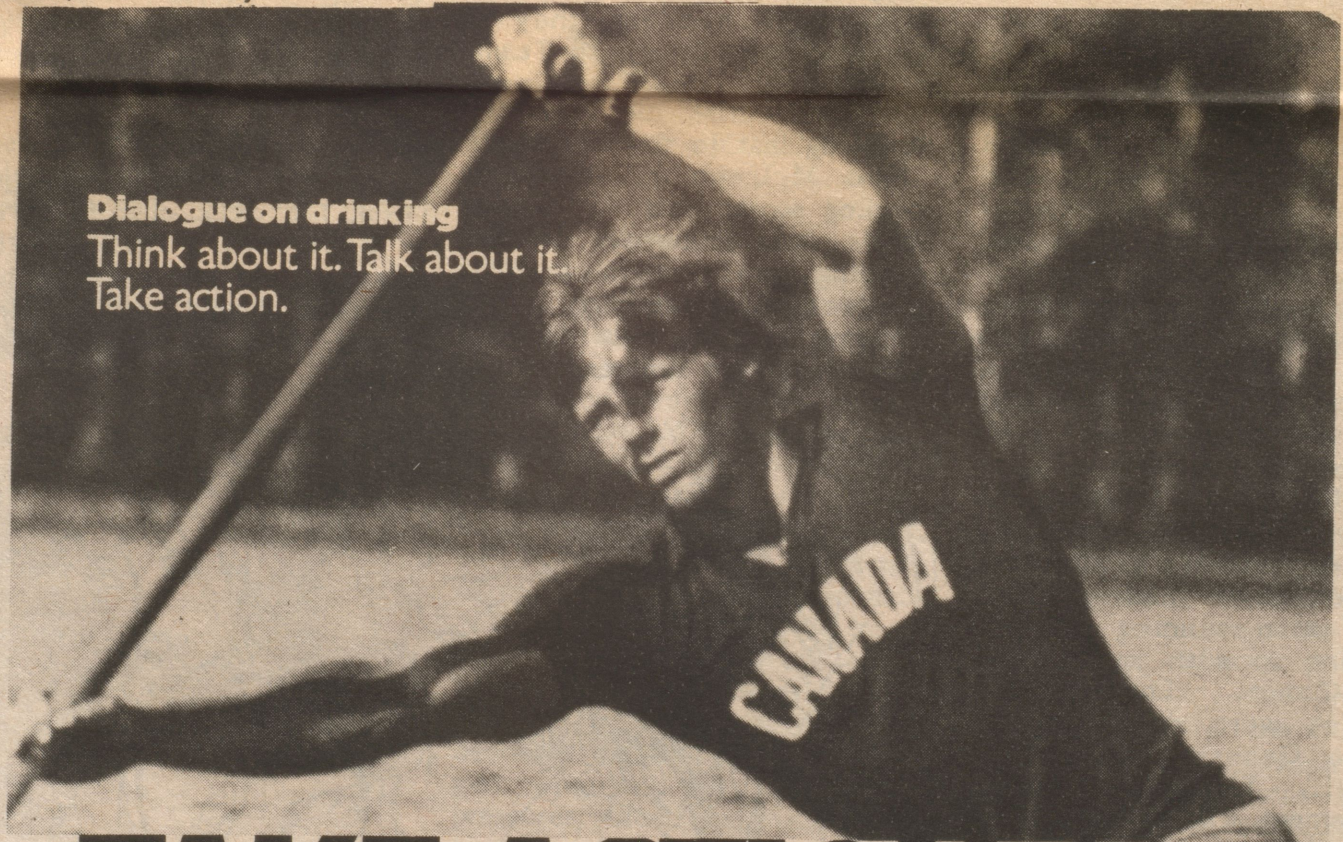


Cafe Macadam) to expand or continue operating at the capacity it had been. When the Bookstore moved out, the Ceilidh was conceived and we're not talking cheap thrills!

Estimates say that it cost four times as much to build the Ceilidh as it would have to renovate the Macadam (including a fire exit directly to the outside). Today, the Macadam is closed at night

attempted this in a few ways. This includes new colour on the walls as well as the cost sharing agreement with the university regarding the services of Mrs. Murielle Moisan as CC Manager. We are presently negotiating a payback schedule for our loan that will provide us with some short term capital.

Marc Vezina



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SPORTS THE COACH'S CORNER

The Awards Banquet: 6 pm, CC Ballroom, Thurs., April 11th. It is a showcase of MAC athletes which are all invited to come and have supper together; so, be there guys and gals, this banquet's for you!

The Awards Banquet usually marks the end of the intramural season at MAC. And, with the end of the season comes... the playoffs. Everyone's been waiting for this, and it's time to set the standings straight before the playoffs begin.

IN VOLLEYBALL, staff still dominates the Gold division and will win it easily, but they can be beat as the Kangaroo showed, bouncing back to take 2 games out of 3 from Staff one night. The Smash Potatoes and the Cocottes seem to be in good positions to win the Green and White divisions respectively. The way the playoffs go in volleyball is that the 16 teams are rated, and the top rated team plays the lowest rated, the 2nd highest rated team plays the next to last team, and so on. Staff seems to be the logical winner in that highly competitive sport.

IN INDOOR SOCCER ACTION, Club Sandwich is still undefeated (I'm sorry that I reported otherwise last month) in 4 games, and look good in the playoffs; but they'll be challenged by the Spurs, who sport a 2 and 1 record. Robert Jean takes this sport very seriously and has 5 goals to show for his work.

IN BADMINTON, the singles were dominated by Sylvie Poirier and Andre Lussier; Andre made it 2 for 2 by also winning doubles teaming up with yours truly, the Coach. The women's doubles were dominated by Diane Genest and Martine Hamel. The mixed doubles tournament will be played on March 19th.

IN MEN'S BROOMBALL, it's Agrogenies first, Pioneers second, Unknown and Bucwers fight for 3rd and 4th, while the Rejected and Swampies battle it out for 5th and 6th place. The Dirty Dozen close out the standings in 7th place.

I'm picking the Pioneers to win it all but it's going to be tough. Watch out for the Swampies: they don't allow too many goals, and could surprise if they get the offense to work effectively. Robert Mallette is still leading the scoring championship with 40 points (23 g - 17 a).

IN WOMEN'S

BROOMBALL, the playoffs will start with semi-finals between Honeys and Inspiration and between Ice Flyers and Grads.

The Honeys look good in the playoffs but they'll probably meet the Ice Flyers (a team which has given them problems in the past) in the Finals. The scoring champion is Joelle Besse with 17 points (8 g - 9 a).

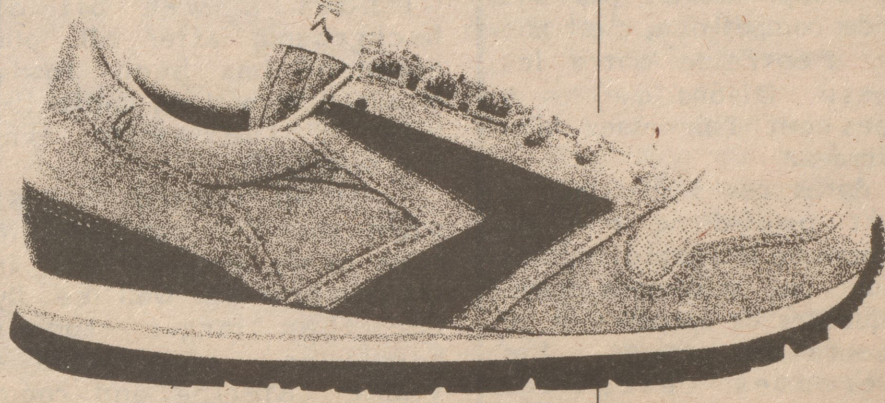
IN BASKETBALL,

Animals are ahead of the pack with a 6 and 1 record, followed by the Abusers (5 and 2). The Swampies' Peter Havard is top shooter with an 18.5 point average per game. I haven't seen too much of the Basketball action, but I'll pick the Abusers to bounce back from second place and win the playoffs.

I've kept HOCKEY for last because it's a close race for first: Staff, U-2, U-3, and U-1 are all separated by only 2 points. Unfortunately, it seems that the Dips will not make the playoffs even though they beat Staff for a second time this season; they're certainly the Comeback Team of the Year. The Post Grads will also miss the playoffs, finishing last in the standings.

Rod McLean is still the leading scorer with 41 points, while Jim Straughton is the leading goalie with a 1.94 goals against average. I'm picking U-2 to win it all, headed by Rod McLean.

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Francois Blain



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WEIGHT ROOM NEWS: NEW EQUIPMENT

"Amazing, just amazing!", she muttered. (the scene - the fitness room in the Stewart Complex, the time - a bright December morning, the event - the sight of numerous barbells with fixed weights, as well as two bicycle ergometers by some of the women regularly frequenting the facility.)

"Could it be? That's wonderful!...but, but...where's the leg machine?"

There has been no equipment in the weight room other than a global gym machine and a few free weights for a long time, according to one student who has been training there since winter 1982.

Since January, however, new additions include: wall pulleys, the long-awaited thigh and knee machine, a curling bar, a scale, and a bench press bench designed for olympic weights. An underground Nirvana! (well, maybe not quite...).

The weight training facilities have expanded to include two rooms; the old

room containing the scale, global machines, and exercise bicycles and the other housing the free weights.

"Because of government cutbacks and the school's desire to create good exercise facilities, the school has combined a sauna with the new weight room", explained one sweaty student.

The reason for the sudden appearance of the new exercise material is not exclusively due to the work of the weight fairy as had been previously speculated. Apparently, Mac's equipment aspirations are sent to McGill, who occasionally sends pieces of equipment in strange and wonderful moments.

"Now all we need is a mirror... and some music!" was heard recently in the weight room. Apparently, the mirrors have been ordered from McGill for the gym, and the weight room would receive the ones which are there now. If and when they arrive is still a mystery, and users of the equipment can look forward

with the same clouded certainty to the arrival of an olympic weight training set (when WHERE freezes over?)

As it is, the general feeling seems to be one of great joy towards the aforescribed new additions. "Oh boy, Oh boy, Oh boy! I'm keen!" However, it looks as if we'll be humming to ourselves for some time.

One note of some importance: don't forget to turn the tension down to neutral on the exercise bikes when you've finished with them - they last longer that way.

K. Southey

Heads...



IN A FINAL ATTEMPT TO STOP HIS NOSE FROM RUNNING, DICK STAPLED HIS NOSTRILS SHUT.

THOUGHTS ON STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

The Gold Key Award



What makes the university community a good place to study? There are many answers depending where the individual places importance. In my opinion, a combination of both academic and social aspects make the university experience a memorable one.

Macdonald College brings together students and educators with diversified backgrounds, from all parts of our vast country and world to exchange knowledge and ideas.

It is through such an environment that we are able to broaden our horizons.

As students striving for academic excellence we often get engulfed by the work pressures placed upon us. It is in these situations that extra-curricular activities help to relieve some strain.

Recently I had the honor of receiving a Gold Key Award. This award is given by the Macdonald Branch of the Graduates Society of McGill University to worthy students in recognition for their outstanding contribution to extra-curricular activities at Macdonald College.

One half of the year has already passed and we look back on many events that have taken place, most of which are organized by students, and see that these have helped to

make our university stay a more enjoyable one: orientation, Halloween, winter carnival and the fall royal.

Successful events such as these require organization, and effort from numerous individuals to ensure participation and success.

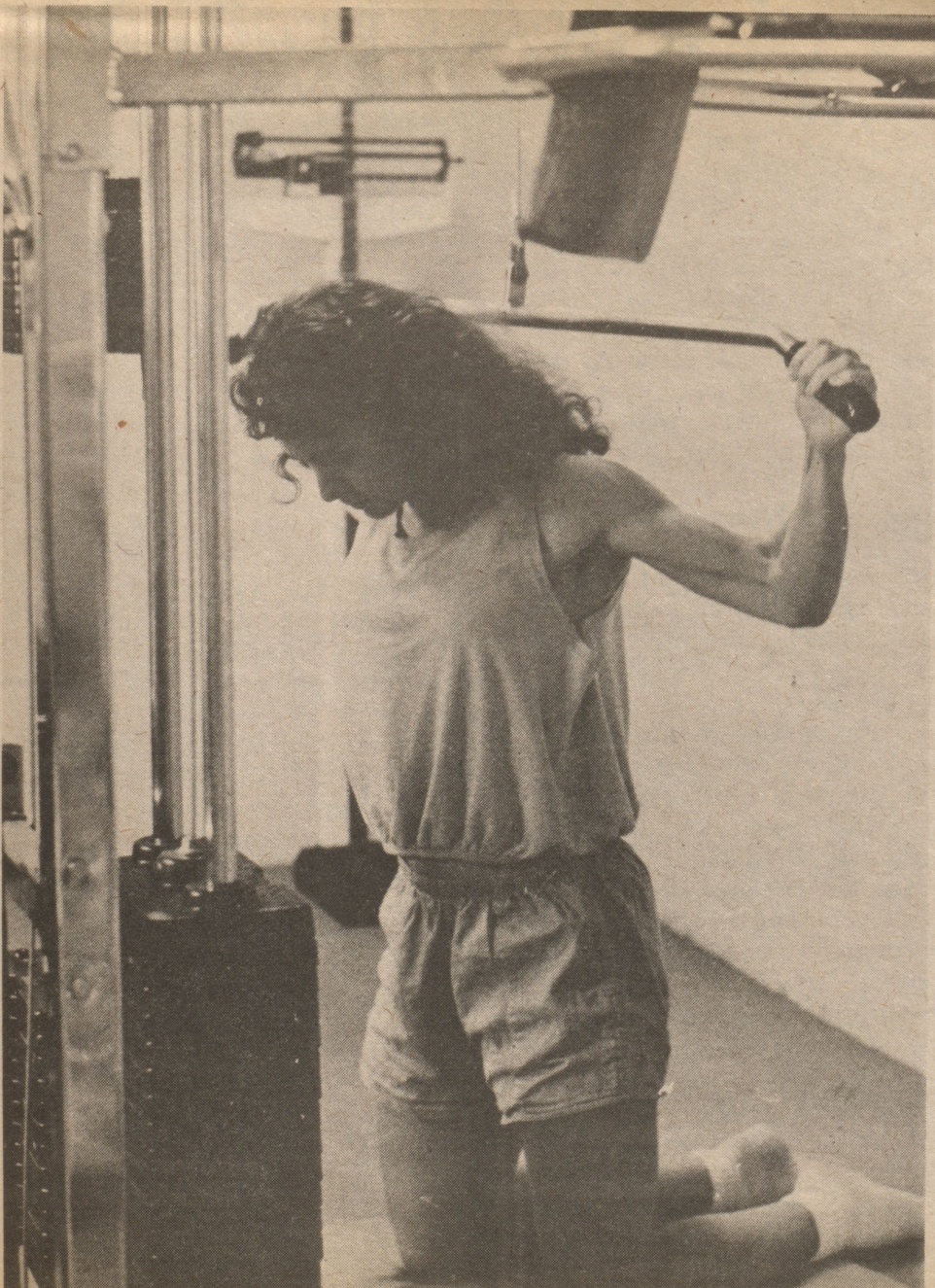
The students who have taken on this task do it not to be exalted, but usually for personal enjoyment that in turn allows other students to enjoy the fruit of their work.

On receiving the gold key: it was an honor to know that the work I had enjoyed doing so much for the students of Macdonald College was appreciated and was shown through the presentation of this award.

You may have never had the desire to get involved in the organization of an extra curricular activity, but do get involved by nominating the people whom you have seen devote so much of their time. This is one thing that you as a student can do to show your recognition and appreciation for the effort that these individuals have made for the Clan spirit.

Nomination forms for the Gold Key Award are available at the C.C. desk.

Shelley Wander



association of future agronomists

events, changes in industry and policy, etc...)

These numbers go on all through the survey. This permits us to see that students have a very strong interest in the quality of their academic and para-academic knowledge. With this survey we feel a strong need for the Association of Futur Agronomes.

The A.F.A.'s objectives:

1. The A.F.A. will encourage students from both agronomic faculties to get together.

2. The A.F.A. will evoke, with the help of many activities, an interest in their future profession.

2.1 with a better knowledge of the role and affect of agronomists.

2.2 a better knowledge of the agri. food sector and it's reality.

2.3 a better knowledge of the current events in the agricultural sector.

3. Inform the multiple sectors of the agri-food industry about competence of students in agriculture.

We're all in agriculture, wanting to become agrologists or wanting to work in the agri-food sector. It's important for all the agrology students to form an association that will represent us, and that will get us more acknowledgement. This is particularly important for our labor market. There are many places where we could work, but a lot of companies are not conscious of the potential of agrologists and we, on our side, are not aware about all the job opportunities.

As an example we can take a food chain, that buys it's products from a farmer. Instead of hiring any business person to be in charge of their purchase department they could hire an agrologist.

It's also very important for us to know about the current events, laws, regulations, and most of all, the practical side of agriculture. It's important to be able to exchange ideas with agrologists, farmers, or any one working in the agri-food business.

This will prepare us for a

job, because we will know more about what is expected from us.

To understand more clearly the organization of A.F.A., we will explain the structure to you. There will be one central committee, and two local committees; one at Macdonald and one in Laval. The Central Committee

It's function will be to get together and to see that the objectives of A.F.A. will be respected. It will also see to the following: 1. Facilitate the exchanges between the two faculties. 2. See that the activities in the local committee be followed. 3. Represent A.F.A. in the agri-food sector. 4. See about the organization of national-oriented activities. example: a newspaper, colloque, congress - all these oriented towards a better knowledge of agriculture.

The local sections will be the heart of A.F.A. They will encourage the dynamics of it's members by putting at their disposition the resources that will permit them to realize their projects. The local section will also establish a follow-up of these projects (dossiers, reports, etc.) so that the experiences of one will be profitable to the others.

To achieve this, the local executives will assure a continuous presence in the A.F.A.: locaux. This will make A.F.A. more accessible to students in agronomy. A daily presence of the formation aspect will therefore be maintained in our faculties.

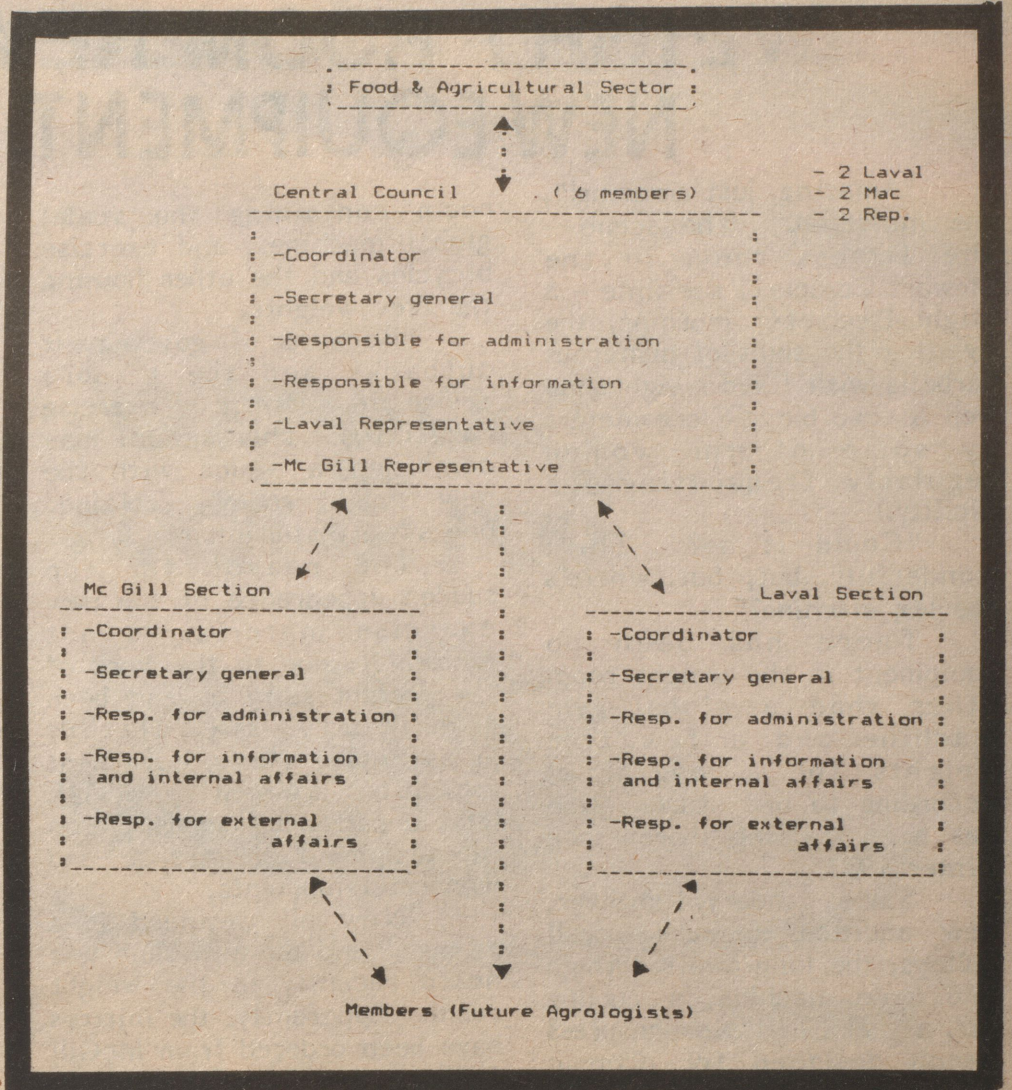
As an ending, I would like to add that since January, A.F.A. has already gone quite far.

We have had meetings with Laval University in Quebec and their enthusiasm is as strong as ours for the birth of A.F.A.

We extend an invitation to you, to join us in the Association of Future Agrologists.

From now to September, we will try to keep you in touch with the upcoming events.

comit. provisoir
de L'A.F.A.



LE COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL

Je crois que ce nouveau nom s'adapterait bien au Collège car où dans le monde retrouve-t-on une clientèle aussi cosmopolite et aussi bien intégrée? On nous parle de fameux instituts internationaux en Suisse, Californie, où des gens de tous les coins du monde s'affairent et collaborent. Mais point n'est besoin d'aller si loin car "right here" au Collège le même exemple de fraternité se vit.

Des gens de tous les coins du monde se côtoient et nous apportent un peu de leurs cultures, de leurs visions du monde. Ainsi pour rencontrer le monde, je n'ai eu qu'à m'inscrire au Collège et à prendre le temps d'écouter mes amis étrangers.

Plus que dans un gros cours sur la culture moderne ou sur les besoins des pays en voie de développement, j'ai appris de mes amis libanais, iraniens, africains, européens, sud-américains et asiatiques ce

qu'ils considèrent vital pour leur pays et leur bien être. J'ai aussi recueilli leur surprise devant nos comportements, leur désenchantement parfois au constat de la solitude des villes, leurs désirs de retourner au pays, vers la famille, de retourner bâtir quelque chose chez eux.

Oui, ce sont des sentiments et des désirs de ce genre que nous partageons tous. En y étant fidèles, les étudiants du Collège ont créé une ambiance où les conflits idéologiques sont relégués au second plan au profit de contacts ouverts entre les gens.

Décidément, le nom de Collège International convient parfaitement et s'il n'est pas retenu il m'aura donné la chance de dire que j'ai beaucoup de chances de côtoyer du monde venant du monde entier, sentiment que beaucoup partagent j'en suis sûr.

Yves Lepine